

# Fiber Trends®

## Felt Clogs

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*This new revised version of our popular Felt Clog pattern has a narrower fit while still including information on adding width if needed. Also new, directions for adding a novelty "fur" cuff.*

*Fast and fun to knit with double soles for extra comfort and longer wear.*

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### **Sizes:**

Women's sm, med, lg and men's med and lg.  
To fit US shoe size up to women's 6, (8, 10) and men's (11, 13). Sizes can easily be adjusted up or down by carefully controlling the felting, which is the key to a really custom fit.

### **Yarn Requirements:**

Approximately 500 (540, 580 / 675, 720) yards per pair. This yardage allows for yarn to be held double throughout. Contrasting cuffs require from 50 to 70 yards depending on size. Cuffs with novelty yarn require about 35 yards of a thick "fur" type synthetic yarn that will hold up to the felting process.

2-color clogs will require approximately 1/3 of the yardage in upper color and 2/3 in sole/cuff color, but be sure to allow for some extra in each color. Adding width to your clogs will increase the yarn requirements.

Choose a worsted weight wool that felts easily to a firm fabric. Shown in double strand Naturally 10 ply Alpine, 100% New Zealand wool. Teal clog has Temptation added to the cuff and the cuff of brown clog is knit in 10 ply Tussock.

**Important:** If using a different yarn, test felt a sample in the color (colors) you will be using. Cast on 15 sts and work in stockinette for 20 rows then cast off. When felted to a thick, firm fabric it should measure between 4" and 4½" (10 and 12cm) square.

### **Needles:**

US size 13 (9 mm), 24" (60 cm) and 16" (40 cm) circular needles. You will also need a spare circular needle in a smaller size.

### **Optional:**

Fiber Trends' Suede Slipper Soles or 2-piece Slipper Bottoms.

### **Unfeltd Gauge:**

Approximately 10 sts = 4" (10 cm).

### **Stitches and Abbreviations Used:**

**RS or WS:** Right side or wrong side.

**Garter Stitch In Rows:** Knit all rows.

**Stockinette Stitch In Rows:** Knit on RS, purl on WS.

**k2tog or p2tog:** Knit or purl 2 stitches together as one.

**ssk** (slip, slip, knit): Slip 2 stitches, one at a time, as if to knit. Slide the left needle through the front loops of these stitches, from left to right, and knit them together from this position.

**m1** (make 1): Insert left needle, from front to back, under the horizontal strand between last stitch worked and next stitch on left needle, forming a loop on needle. Knit through the back of this loop.

**w&t** (wrap & turn): Slip next stitch (purlwise) onto right needle, bring yarn forward between needles, return slipped stitch to left needle, turn to work in the other direction.

**Brackets [ ]:** Work the stitches within the brackets the given number of times (x).

### **Important Notes:**

1. Instructions are written for a m1 increase worked between two stitches. Substituting an increase that uses a stitch will result in incorrect stitch counts.
2. To sew seams in soles, use a loose overcast stitch, keeping the seam flat. Seams will disappear when felted.
3. Instructions are written for the smallest size with changes for larger sizes in parentheses. A / separates the numbers for women's and men's sizes.
4. When extra rows are given for larger sizes, work only those rows labelled for your size. A – indicates no number for that size and a • marks the place where instructions continue for all sizes.
5. Make 2 slippers the same. After wearing, the felt will mold to your feet to form a right and left.
6. For 2-color clogs, begin with sole/cuff color, and change color where indicated.

**Instructions, Inner Sole:**

Begin at center of sole.

With a *double strand* of sole color and longer circular needle, loosely cast on 51 (57, 63 / 63, 69) sts.

Do not join, sole is worked back and forth.

**Foundation Row:** (*For men's sizes only*) Knit.

**Fit Notes:** To fit a woman's wide foot, work the foundation row as for men's size. To fit a narrow man's foot, skip this foundation row and begin with row 1.

**Row 1:** k1, m1, k24 (27, 30 / 30, 33), m1, k1, m1, k14 (15, 16 / 16, 17), w&t, k31 (33, 35 / 35, 37), w&t, k13 (14, 15 / 15, 16), m1, k2, m1, k1, m1, k2, m1, k23 (26, 29 / 29, 32), m1, k1. (59, 65, 71 / 71, 77 sts)

**Row 2:** Knit.

**Row 3:** (*for women's sizes only*) k1, m1, k24 (27, 30), [m1, k2] 2x, m1, k1, m1, [k2, m1] 2x, k24 (27, 30), m1, k1. (67, 73, 79 sts)

**Row 3:** (*men's sizes only*) k1, m1, k (30, 33), [m1, k2] 2x, m1, k1, m1, [k2, m1] 2x, k (26, 29), w&t, k (67, 73), w&t, k (25, 28), [m1, k4] 2x, m1, k1, m1, [k4, m1] 2x, k(29, 32), m1, k1. (85, 91 sts)

•Continue for all sizes.

**Row 4:** Knit.

**Row 5:** [k2, m1] 2x, k19 (22, 25 / 28, 31), [m1, k3] 7x, m1, k19 (22, 25 / 28, 31), [m1, k2] 2x. (79, 85, 91 / 97, 103 sts)

**Row 6:** Knit. This completes the sole.

**Begin Upper Part of Clog:**

Change color here for 2-color clogs.

Knit 1 row and mark as right side (RS). Do not turn.

**Join Into Round:**

Round 1: Place a marker on needle to mark beginning of round, join and knit 1 complete round.

**Fit Note:** To fit an extra wide foot, work 1 more complete round before beginning instep shaping.

**Toe and Instep Shaping:**

**Row 1:** k39 (42, 45 / 48, 51), m1, k1 (center toe st), m1, k1, turn.

**Row 2:** Slip 1, p4, turn.

**Row 3:** Slip 1, k3, ssk, k1, turn.

**Row 4:** Slip 1, p4, p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 5:** Slip 1, k5, ssk, k1, turn.

**Row 6:** Slip 1, p6, p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 7:** Slip 1, k7, ssk, k1, turn.

**Row 8:** Slip 1, p8, p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 9:** (*women's sizes only*) Slip 1, k9, ssk, k1, turn.

**Row 9:** (*men's sizes only*) Slip 1, k3, m1, k3, m1, k3, ssk, k1, turn.

**Row 10:** Slip 1, p10 (10, 10 / 12, 12), p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 11:** Slip 1, k11 (11, 11 / 13, 13), ssk, k1, turn.

**Row 12:** Slip 1, p12 (12, 12 / 14, 14), p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 13:** Slip 1, k13 (13, 13 / 15, 15), ssk, k1, turn.

**Row 14:** Slip 1, p14 (14, 14 / 16, 16), p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 15:** Slip 1, k15 (15, 15 / 17, 17), ssk, k1, turn.

**Row 16:** Slip 1, p16 (16, 16 / 18, 18), p2tog, p1, turn.

For women's lg, men's med and men's lg sizes only, work the following extra – (–, 2 / 2, 4) rows:

**Extra Row 1:** (*women's lg, men's med & men's lg only*)

Slip 1, k – (–, 17 / 19, 19), ssk, k1, turn.

**Extra Row 2:** (*women's lg, men's med & men's lg only*)

Slip 1, p – (–, 18 / 20, 20), p2tog, p1, turn.

**Extra Row 3:** (*men's lg only*) Slip 1, k21, ssk, k1, turn.

**Extra Row 4:** (*men's lg only*) Slip 1, p22, p2tog, p1, turn.

•Continue for all sizes:

**Note:** Change to the 16" (40 cm) needle when there are no longer enough stitches to fit around the longer needle.

**Row 17:** Slip 1, k6 (6, 7 / 8, 9), k2tog, k1, ssk, k6 (6, 7 / 8, 9), ssk, k1, turn.

**Row 18:** Slip 1, p16 (16, 18 / 20, 22), p2tog, p1, turn.

(63, 69, 73 / 81, 85 sts total on needle)

**Row 19:** Slip 1, k17 (17, 19 / 21, 23), ssk, k1, turn.

**Row 20:** Slip 1, p18 (18, 20 / 22, 24), p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 21:** Slip 1, k7 (7, 8 / 9, 10), k2tog, k1, ssk, k7 (7, 8 / 9, 10), ssk, k1, turn.

**Row 22:** Slip 1, p18 (18, 20 / 22, 24), p2tog, p1, turn.

(57, 63, 67 / 75, 79 sts total on needle)

**Row 23:** Slip 1, k19 (19, 21 / 23, 25), ssk, k1, turn.

**Row 24:** Slip 1, p20 (20, 22 / 24, 26), p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 25:** Slip 1, k8 (8, 9 / 10, 11), k2tog, k1, ssk, k8 (8, 9 / 10, 11), ssk, k1, turn.

**Row 26:** Slip 1, p20 (20, 22 / 24, 26), p2tog, p1, turn.  
(51, 57, 61 / 69, 73 sts total on needle)

**Row 27:** Slip 1, k21 (21, 23 / 25, 27), ssk, k1, turn.

**Row 28:** Slip 1, p22 (22, 24 / 26, 28), p2tog, p1, turn.

**Row 29:** Slip 1, k9 (9, 10 / 11, 12), k2tog, k1, ssk, k9 (9, 10 / 11, 12), ssk, k1, turn.

**Row 30:** Slip 1, p22 (22, 24 / 26, 28), p2tog, p1, turn.  
(45, 51, 55 / 63, 67 sts total on needle)

**Row 31:** Slip 1, k23 (23, 25 / 27, 29), ssk, k3 (1, 1 / 1, 1), turn.

**Row 32:** Slip 1, p26 (24, 26 / 28, 30), p2tog, p3 (1, 1 / 1, 1), turn.

**Row 33:** Slip 1, k12 (10, 11 / 12, 13), k2tog, k1, ssk, k12 (10, 11 / 12, 13), ssk, k2 (1, 1 / 1, 1), turn.

**Row 34:** Slip 1, p29 (24, 26 / 28, 30), p2tog, p2 (1, 1 / 1, 1), turn. (39, 45, 49 / 57, 61 sts total on needle)

**Row 35:** Slip 1, k31 (25, 27 / 29, 31), ssk, k2 (2, 3 / 1, 1).  
*Row 35 is the last instep-shaping row for women's small. Go to Next Step.*

- Turn and continue for remaining sizes.

**Row 36:** Slip 1, p – (27, 30 / 30, 32), p2tog, p – (2, 3 / 1, 1), turn.

**Row 37:** Slip 1, k – (12, 14 / 13, 14), k2tog, k1, ssk, k – (12, 14 / 13, 14), ssk, k – (2, 2 / 3, 1), turn.

**Row 38:** Slip 1, p – (29, 33 / 32, 32), p2tog, p – (2, 2 / 3, 1), turn. (–, 39, 43 / 51, 55 sts total on needle)

**Row 39:** (women's med only) Slip 1, k31, ssk, k2.  
**Row 39:** (women's lg only) Slip 1, k7, k2tog, k17, ssk, k7, ssk, k2. (40 sts)  
*Row 39 is the last instep-shaping row for women's medium and large sizes. Go to Next Step.*

- Turn and continue for men's sizes.

**Row 39:** (men's sizes only) Slip 1, k (35, 33), ssk, k3, turn.

**Row 40:** (men's sizes only) Slip 1, p (38, 36), p2tog, p3, turn. (49, 53 sts total on needle)

**Row 41:** (men's sizes only) Slip 1, k7, k2tog, k (9, 8), k2tog, k1, ssk, k (9, 8), ssk, k7, ssk, k2.

*Row 41 is the last instep-shaping row for men's medium and ends at the heel marker. Go to Next Step.*

- For men's large only, turn and continue.

**Row 42:** (men's lg) Slip 1, p37, p2tog, p2, turn. (47 sts)

**Row 43:** (men's lg) Slip 1, k39, ssk, k2.

### Next Step:

The last instep row for your size will end at the heel marker. Do not turn. Work 1 round on RS as follows: k2, k2tog, knit to end of round. (37, 37, 39 / 43, 45 sts)

### Cuff:

Change to sole/cuff color if making 2-color clogs.

**Note:** To add a novelty yarn to cuff, cut one strand of wool and hold novelty yarn together with remaining strand.

Continue working on RS (outside) of slipper.

Knit 1 round.

Purl 5 rounds.

From the WS (inside), use the spare circular needle to pick up the back purl loops of the first round of cuff. There should be 37 (37, 39 / 43, 45) loops on the spare needle. Fold the cuff to the inside (purl side out), so that the two needles are together. Hold both needles in your left hand.

With working needle, \*knit together a stitch from the front needle and a stitch from the back needle,\* repeat around, *casting off loosely at the same time.*

Cut yarn and fasten off.

### Outer Sole:

Cast on and make a second sole following rows 1 through 6 for your size.

**Note:** If you added the extra row for a wide foot, also add it to this outer sole.

Do not cut yarn after last row.

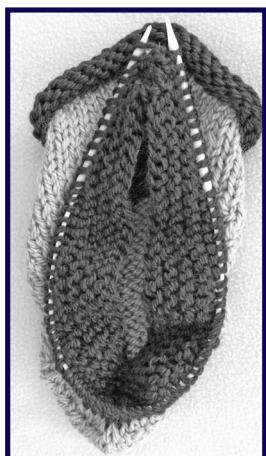


Image 1



Image 2

### To join with a 'bumper':

Shown on the 2-color clog .

Follow instructions at left for plain join, *except do not cast off* while working the joining round.

Once the two soles are joined, set the spare needle aside.

Without turning, continue working in the round with bottom of outer sole facing.

Next round: [k1, m1] 2x, [k2, m1] 2x, k20 (23, 26 / 29, 32), [m1, k4] 3x, m1, k3, m1, [k4, m1] 3x, k20 (23, 26 / 29, 32), [m1, k2] 2x, [m1, k1] 2x. (95, 101, 107 / 113, 119 sts)

Do not turn.

Continuing around, cast off all stitches loosely, knitwise. Bumper will roll downward, toward the sole of the clog.

### Attaching the Outer Sole:

First, pick up stitches around the inner sole as follows:  
Beginning at heel with RS facing, use the spare circular needle to pick up the top loops of the last ridge of garter st around outer edge of slipper sole. (Image 1)  
Check that you have 79 (85, 91 / 97, 103) loops on the spare needle. Follow joining instructions below for your choice of styles.

### Plain join:

Shown on teal clog and also used on the brown clog.  
Always use this join if suede soles will be added later.  
Place working needle holding the outer sole over the outside of spare needle holding the loops of the inner sole. (Image 2)  
Hold both needles in your left hand. With the bottom of outer sole facing and beginning at heel, knit the soles together and cast off at the same time, as for cuff.

### Finishing:

Sew seam in center of inner sole, then sew seam in outer sole.

With one strand of matching wool and working down center of sole, use a *very loose backstitch* to tack the 2 soles together. Do not use long or tight stitches, as they may distort the sole when felted.

Work in remaining yarn ends.

Check your clogs carefully for any holes caused by too loose stitches and, if needed, darn them loosely on WS.

Follow felting instructions on next page.

### **Felting Instructions:**

These clogs are sized to be felted firmly for longest wear. You have the final control over the size and shape. Spending time shaping your clogs during the last stages of felting and before drying will pay off in a great fit.

Place slippers in a zippered bag or pillow protector. Set washer for hot wash, low water level and maximum agitation. Add a small amount of rinse-free wool wash or use a mild detergent.

Extremely hot water is not needed or desired, as you must be able to handle the slippers during the process. Adding an old pair of jeans to the wash will increase agitation and help speed the felting.

After 10 minutes, check on the progress. Check again about every 5 minutes. Reset the washer to continue agitating as often as necessary.

Do not let it drain and spin.

*Important:* Every time you check, remove *both* slippers from the bag, pull lengthwise to shape and check the size before continuing. It is best to felt to a fairly snug fit as they will stretch some with wear.

When you are happy with the size, remove from the washer and rinse by hand.

**Note:** If felting with a woolwash, only a light rinsing is needed. If detergent was used, rinse thoroughly by hand in cool water. Roll in towels to remove as much water as possible.

For the best shape, stuff the clogs and mold into shape while they are wet. Plastic bags work well for stuffing.

When you are happy with the shape, allow to air dry.

Brush lightly and/or trim to remove any clumps of wool

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### **Fit Notes:**

1. You can make your clogs narrower by stretching hard lengthwise. If this makes them too long, felt a bit more and then stretch again. Repeat until you have a perfect fit.

2. The best way to stretch clogs that are a bit too snug is to find a pair of feet willing to wear damp slippers. If this is not possible, stretch by hand, then stuff firmly and leave until completely dry.

### **Soles:**

Felt slippers can be slippery on smooth floors . If desired, for better 'traction', sew on Fiber Trends' suede slipper soles or two-piece slipper bottoms.

### **Care:**

Wash your slippers by hand in cool water and avoid agitation. Shape and air dry.

As thick as they are, you may eventually wear a thin spot in the sole. This can easily be fixed with a felting needle and a small amount of wool. It is a good idea to save a bit of left over yarn just for this purpose.